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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/227 of 8 April 1993, 48/207 of 21 December 1993, 49/125 of 19 December 1994, 50/121 of 20 December 1995 and 51/188 of 16 December 1996,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,[1] the report approved by the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, entitled "Completion of the restructuring of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 47/227",[2] and the report of the Joint Inspection Unit,[3]

Welcoming the successful restructuring of the Institute and the recent progress made by the Institute in its various programmes and activities, including the improved cooperation that has been established with other

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] A/52/492.

[2] A/52/367, annex.

[3] A/52/559, annex.

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organizations of the United Nations system and with regional and national institutions,

Expressing its appreciation to the Governments and private institutions that have made or pledged financial and other contributions to the Institute,

Reiterating that the funding of training programmes offered at the specific request of Member States or departments and units of the Organization and other organs of the United Nations system and the specialized agencies should be arranged by the requesting parties,

Recognizing that training activities should be accorded a more visible and larger role in support of the management of international affairs and in the execution of the economic and social development programmes of the United Nations system,

1. Reaffirms the particular role of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in view of the growing importance of training within the United Nations and the training requirements of Member States, and the pertinence of research activities related to training undertaken by the Institute within its mandate;

2. Invites the Institute to further strengthen its cooperation with other United Nations institutes and relevant national, regional and international institutes, as well as in relation to projects;

3. Renews its appeal to all Governments and to private institutions that have not yet contributed financially or otherwise to the Institute to give it their generous financial and other support, and urges the States that interrupted their voluntary contributions to consider resuming them in the light of the successful restructuring and revitalization of the Institute;

4. Endorses the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit for an effective division of labour among United Nations training institutions, namely:

(a) To entrust the United Nations Institute for Training and Research with, in addition to its current activities, clearing-house functions as regards the needs of personnel from Member States;

(b) To request the United Nations University to continue its role as the lead entity dealing with research, including research into common training policies;

(c) To have the United Nations Staff College Project - once its legal status has been modified from its present status as a project - focus on clearing-house functions as regards the training of United Nations systems staff members;

5. Welcomes the initiative of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Director to explore the possibility of the Institute becoming an executing agent or partner of the agencies and bodies of the United Nations system with respect

to their training programmes, especially those for developing countries and countries in transition;

6. Calls on the Secretary-General to explore ways and means to provide additional facilities to the Institute for conducting programmes and training courses that are provided at no cost to States, and to their representatives accredited to United Nations offices in New York, Nairobi, Geneva and Vienna;

7. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Executive Director of the Institute, as well as with the heads of United Nations funds and programmes, to explore ways and modalities to systematically utilize the Institute in the execution of training and capacity-building programmes and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session.